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REMARKS

Applicant has now had an opportunity to carefully consider the Examiner's comments set forth in the Office Action of February 28, 2006.

In this response, Applicant amended selected claims to provide a more complete scope of protection for the invention and presents clarifying remarks believed to remedy the Examiner's rejections and place the claims in condition for allowance. Applicant reserves the right to pursue the rejected claims by way of a continuing application prior to issuance of the subject application.

The Examiner objected to the disclosure because of certain informalities. These informalities have been addressed in the amendments to the abstract.

Claims 4 and 15 were objected to because of certain informalities. Applicant has addressed the informalities in the amendments to the claims. The Examiner's assistance in identifying these minor informalities is appreciated.

Claims 5 and 12 contained allowable subject matter but were objected as depending from rejected parent claims. The indication of allowable subject matter is noted and appreciated.

Applicant amended independent claim 1 to include the limitations of dependent claim 5. It is therefore respectfully submitted that amended claim 1 and claims 2-4 and 6-9 dependent or ultimately dependent therefrom distinguish patentably and unobviously over the references of record.

Applicant amended independent claim 10 to include the limitations of dependent claim 12. It is therefore respectfully submitted that amended claim 10 and claims 11, 13-15 dependent or ultimately dependent therefrom distinguish patentably and unobviously over the references of record.

New independent claim 26 further emphasizes the patentable features of the present invention. Claim 16 call for a lamp comprising a lamp base, a translucent outer envelope, and a halogen inner lamp light source. The lamp base has a stem including first and second extending leads. A first portion of the leads is received in the stem and a second free portion of the leads extends from the stem substantially parallel to each other. The free portion of the first lead has a longer linear length than the free portion of the second lead. The halogen inner lamp light source has a pinched end. The pinched end is

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located in the vicinity of the stem and is attached to the free portion of the first lead.

Such is not the case in Bergman. Conversely, Bergman discloses an electric lamp assembly 10 comprising an arc tube 12 having electrode leads 40 sealed by pinch ends 42, an outer envelope 14 and an ellipsoidal shroud 16. The outer envelope is hermetically sealed with a glass stem 26 which extends into a shroud neck portion 22. A pair of stem leads 30 pass through the stem. As shown in Figure 2 of Bergman, each stem lead has a first end portion sealed by a stem press 32 and a second free portion extending from the stem press. The free portions of the stem leads have an equal linear length. A pair of insulator stops 52 and a pair of conductor wires 54 support the arc tube and the shroud. The conductor wires 54 are attached to the stem leads 30 thereby electrically coupling the stem leads to the electrode leads 40 (Col. 5, lines 39-49). As such, no free portion of either stem lead is attached to a pinch end 42. Therefore, the structure of Bergman teaches away from the recited first and second differing linear length leads of the present application.

Accordingly, Bergman fails to disclose each and every element of new claim 16. Moreover any attempt to combine Bergman with prior art which shows differing length leads, a longer lead being attached to an arc tube pinch end, will defeat the express teachings of Bergman. It is therefore respectfully submitted that new claim 16 and claims 17-20 dependent or ultimately dependent therefrom define over Bergman, whether it is considered on its own under §§ 102 or 103, or in combination with any of the remaining art of record.

CONCLUSION

All formal and informal matters have been addressed. For the reasons detailed above, it is respectfully submitted claims 1-4, 6-11 and 13-20 are in condition for allowance. The foregoing comments do not require unnecessary additional search or examination.

No additional fee is believed to be required for this Amendment. If, however, a fee is due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 06-0308.

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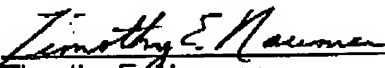
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In the event the Examiner believes a telephone call would expedite prosecution, he is invited to call the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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